

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Brett HAARALA, et al.)
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Serial No.: Unassigned)
[divisional of S/N 08/941,919])
Filed: Herewith)
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For: GUIDEWIRE COMPATIBLE)
PORT AND METHOD FOR)
INSERTING SAME)

Group Art Unit: Unassigned

Examiner: Unassigned

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced divisional application, please
amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-9, 13-22, 28-34, and 43 without prejudice or disclaimer,
and amend claims 10-12 and 44 as follows:

In claim 10, line 4, delete "central"; and

line 5, change "into" to --through--;

11. (Amended) The access port according to claim 10, wherein a reservoir is
formed [between the self-sealing access septum and] in the lower body and said
catheter is in flow communication with the reservoir through said outlet.

12. (Amended) The access port according to claim 10, wherein the upper